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**From:** Jones, Russell [Jones.Russell@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/26/2019 5:36:52 PM  
**To:** McNally, Robert [McNally.Robert@epa.gov]; Borges, Shannon [Borges.Shannon@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Notification: EPA Releases Plant Biostimulants Draft Guidance for Public Comment

**Importance:** High

To All:

## Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Back on line now and I can attend the meeting on Thursday with Ginah Mortensen,

Russ

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**From:** McNally, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 10:13 PM  
**To:** Borges, Shannon <Borges.Shannon@epa.gov>; Jones, Russell <Jones.Russell@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Notification: EPA Releases Plant Biostimulants Draft Guidance for Public Comment

Russ — can you do?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Keigwin, Richard" <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 25, 2019 at 7:25:04 PM EDT  
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**Subject:** FW: Notification: EPA Releases Plant Biostimulants Draft Guidance for Public Comment

Bob—

Is this something that Russ can do?

--Rick

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**From:** Mortensen, Ginah  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 3:53 PM  
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**Cc:** Galloway, Carol <Galloway.Carol@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification: EPA Releases Plant Biostimulants Draft Guidance for Public Comment

Thanks, Sven!

Hello OPP, For more information please see my email below to Sven. Would you or anyone from your group be available to discuss the new draft Guidance on Plant Biostimulants for 15 – 20 minutes on this Thursday's (March 28) Ag Issues Forum call, please. The call is 2:30 – 4pm ET.

Thanks!  
Ginah

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
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Ginah – thanks for the request. I don't know the details on biostimulants – looping in pesticides program folks to help find the right person. Best,  
Sven

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Hello Sven-Erik

I am working on the agenda for the monthly Ag Issues Forum conference call. The call is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 from 2:30 – 4pm ET. Would you or anyone from your group be available to discuss the new draft Guidance on Plant Biostimulants for 15 – 20 minutes, please?

A few months ago, you spoke to the Regional Ag Advisors on the weekly Office of the Ag Advisor's call. The Regional Ag Advisors also participate in the monthly Ag Issues Forum call.

**Background about the monthly Ag Issues Forum call:** EPA's Ag Center sponsors monthly calls on ag issues the fourth Thursday of every month from 2:30 – 4pm ET. Participants in the call are staff from EPA HQ and Regions interested in ag, and reps from USDA and USGS as their schedules allow. No states on the call. The calls are multi-media and cover a variety of topics – usually anything happening in EPA that is ag-related. Because participants come from a variety of backgrounds, we don't usually get too technical and keep the discussion at such a level that everyone can understand and participate. Others from your office are welcome to participate, as well. If there are materials you'd like us to distribute prior to the call, we are happy to do that, or to provide helpful links for participants.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!

Ginah

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kaiser, Sven-Erik" <[Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 21, 2019 at 4:12:39 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Notification: EPA Releases Plant Biostimulants Draft Guidance for Public Comment

Heads up that today EPA is releasing for public comment Draft Guidance for Plant Regulators, Including Plant Biostimulants.

In recognition of the growing categories of products generally known as plant biostimulants, this draft document gives guidance on which products are (and are not) subject to regulation under FIFRA as plant regulator pesticides, and what kinds of claims can be made for them. The draft guidance provides examples of each. EPA is taking this step to provide clarity to our state regulatory partners, to industry, and to the interested public in this emerging product area.

Plant biostimulants are a relatively new and growing category of products containing naturally occurring substances and microbes that are used to stimulate plant growth, enhance resistance to plant pests, and reduce abiotic stress. Their increasing popularity arises from their ability to enhance agricultural productivity by stimulating natural processes in the plant and in soil, using substances and microbes already present in the environment.

Biostimulants can improve soil health, optimize nutrient use, and increase plant growth, vigor, yield and production. They can promote greater water and nutrient use efficiency but do not provide any nutritionally relevant fertilizer benefit to the plant. Plant biostimulant products can be used in sustainable agriculture production systems and integrated pest management (IPM) programs, which in turn can reduce the use of irrigation water, as well as agrochemical supplements and fertilizers.

Once the Federal Register Notice publishes, the public will be able to submit comments on this guidance on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0258. Public comments will be due 60 days after the date of publication in Federal Register.

Please let me know if any questions. Thanks,  
Sven

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